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The steamships on this coast anchor about 1 mile from shore, as there are no docks, and all freight and passengers have to be carried by lighters to and from the ship, so that there is very little communication between the vessels and shore. By courtesy of the fruit companies I am allowed the use of their boats for the purpose of boarding vessels.

Passengers applying for permits to go to the United States are required to be at least five days from any port the health of which is unknown. All baggage is fumigated by either steam or formaldehyd. As the regulations of the Louisiana board of health call for steam, I have accepted the baggage when thus treated, only baggage for the Mobile steamship being subjected to formaldehyd.

Since the opening of the station, April 14, 1902, 23 vessels have been inspected and given certificates, 618 crews inspected, 93 passengers given certificates, and 109 pieces of baggage disinfected. Of the 23 vessels cleared from this port, 17 were for New Orleans, La., 5 for Mobile, Ala., and 1 for Pensacola, Fla.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Belize—Fruit port.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, July 25, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended July 19, 1902:

Population according to census of 1901, 9,113; present officially estimated population, about 7,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 6. Causes of death: Phlegmon, 1; tetanus, 1; convulsions, 1; hepatic dropsy, 1; acute dysentery, 1, and cerebral apoplexy, 1. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: July 17, steamship *Managua*; crew, 17; passengers from this port, 2; passengers in transit, none; July 18, steamship *Breakwater*; crew, 36; passengers from this port, 7; passengers in transit, 2; baggage disinfected, 12 pieces.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at Quebec for the week ended July 26, 1902.

QUEBEC, CANADA, July 26, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that at this port, for the week ended July 26, there were inspected 638 immigrants; passed, 620; detained, 18. * * *

Respectfully,

W. C. BILLINGS,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.